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#### SUMMARY

A class of orbits in the Earth-Moon (E-M) field is discussed based on a sequence of illustrations. The class is defined by the common starting point of all orbits at the normalized coordinate  $\mathbf{X}_{R}=1.00$  on the rotating  $\mathbf{X}_{R}$ -axis and by the orthogonality to this axis of the initial velocities of all its orbits. All motion is in a plane.

The system model is that of the restricted problem of three bodies, with circular motion of the masses and the mass parameter  $\mu$  = 1/80. Earth and Moon are located on the  $X_{R}\text{-axis}$  at -0.0125 and +0.9875, respectively.

The objective of the study is, first, a graphical display of the class of orbits in steps small enough to allow interpolation and, secondly, through the exploit of appropriately composed survey graphs, the exposition of the class' main phases of development as well as their critical transitions.

For comparison a suitably chosen class of Kepler orbits in rotating coordinates is carried in parallel.

#### INTRODUCTION

This report is the second in a series of reports intended to depict classes (or series) of orbits of the E-M field as represented by the restricted three-body problem, and to compare these orbits with rotating Kepler orbits.

While the first report of this series (ref. 1) deals with a class of orbits that start far behind the Moon and thereby can show a relatively large degree of similarity to Kepler orbits, the present report differs greatly in this respect.

Its orbits start at the point  $X_R=1.00;\ Y_R=0.00$ , while the Moon is located at  $X_R=0.9875;\ Y_R=0.00$ . The close proximity of the initial point to the Moon's location causes this class not only to contain a large continuous group of orbits that stay in the Moon's field, but also to show the Moon's effect in a larger variety of orbital developments than was the case with the group of orbits of the earlier report.

Thus, on one hand, there is a much reduced chance to set the E-M orbit in correspondence to Kepler orbits. On the other hand, the larger variety of events poses real problems when it comes to presenting the whole series of orbits on a few survey-graphs as was done within five graphs for the earlier series. The problem is met here by providing the reader a choice between a "four-part synopsis" and a group of "twenty survey graphs." A comparison between the two testifies to the amount of interesting material that was deleted in designing the shorter of the two surveys.

Since reference 1 gives an extended introduction into the representation and classification of Kepler orbits in rotating coordinates, the present report merely refers to it.

The main body of the report is arranged so its first part presents the two surveys starting with the shorter one. The twenty graph survey is accompanied by an extended commentary, and is to be looked upon as the core of the report. Here the major phases of the series and their developments, as well as transitions, are discussed. This is paralleled by a survey of Kepler orbits contained on six graphs.

The remainder of the report presents the large number of individual orbits, each one graphed to a time length corresponding to the significance of the development shown. Comments are made at places where it seems necessary for clarity or emphasis.

In parallel to this, individual Kepler orbits are displayed to facilitate comparisons where these are possible. At other places, the Kepler series is continued merely for completeness. (Kepler orbits and surveys of these are placed at the bottom of pages.)

The rich contents of the present E-M series is attested to by the very large number of figures supplied here. The cost of producing them, however, is greatly reduced from those of reference 1 by the use of an automatic plotter (Stromberg-Carlson 4020). Also, only by this means is it possible to draw those long-period and sometimes rather complicated graphs, which the reader encounters in this report.

### PREPARATORY INFORMATION

#### Model Data and Method of Computation

The problem under study is the restricted problem of three bodies, the masses of two of which revolve about each other in circular paths. The third, massless, body is assumed to move coplanar with the two masses. The mass ratio between the smaller

mass (Moon "M") and the larger mass (Earth "E") is chosen 1/79, resulting in the value of 1/80 for the mass parameter  $\mu$ .

In computation as well as when referring to collisions, the masses are consistently considered strictly point-masses. Not-withstanding, some of the graphs show the physical size of the Moon in true relationship to the scale. This serves just to bring the size of the orbits, shown thereon, into the right perspective.

The set of equations of motion is normalized and regularized. Normalization reduces certain parameters to unity, such as the gravitational constant, the sum of the two masses, the distance between them, and their rate of revolution about each other. It gives rise to the designation of  $\mu$  to the smaller mass and  $1-\mu$  to the larger one. Normalization is a convenient means of reducing to a unified scale problems that belong to the same type but have various magnitudes involved, as the Earth-Moon problem, sunplanet problem, etc., but also the Kepler-problem.

Regularization of the equations of motion is applied to facilitate the calculation of the orbital paths through the singularities that are represented by collisions with either mass. The method of regularization used is that of Arenstorf (ref. 2).

All orbit computation then is carried through in a stepwise integration method of series type. For a description of the deck, see reference 1.

All displays of orbits are given in the rotating (or "synodic") coordinate system  $X_R$ ,  $Y_R$  where the  $X_R$ -axis contains the locations of the two masses, the Earth's being at  $X_R = -0.0125$  and the Moon's at  $X_R = +0.9875$ .

Figure 1 depicts the geometry of the system indicating the relative size and location of Earth and Moon on the rotating  $X_{\rm R}\text{--}$ 

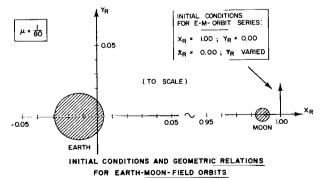


Figure 1

axis and giving the initial conditions of the E-M orbits as  $X_R = 1.00$ ,  $Y_R = 0.00$  and  $\dot{X}_R = 0.00$  and the axis-orthogonal component  $\dot{Y}_R$  varied from the negative near-escape case to the positive one.

#### KEPLER ORBITS

Since reference 1 furnishes a rather elaborate introduction to the characteristics of Kepler orbits as seen from a rotating coordinate system, no information of a general nature is included here.

The series of Kepler orbits included here and serving as comparison to the main-series is chosen so that its initial point is at  $X_R = 1.0125$ ,  $Y_R = 0.0$ , which is the same distance from the (only) mass as is the initial point of the E-M-series from the larger mass. Its initial velocity is orthogonal to the  $X_R$ -axis.

Normalization applied to the equations of the Kepler problem brings this problem in comparative scale with the main problem.

For reasons of unification of procedures, the Kepler orbits are computed by using the same regularized deck that serves for the E-M-orbit computation. This means that the Kepler orbits are derived by stepwise integration. This streamlining of procedures offers the bonus of easy tests for computational accuracy.

The value of "n" listed with most of the Kepler orbits refers to the mean-angular motion in respect to an inertial (or "sidereal") system, "n" carrying a negative sign if the mean angular motion is retrograde; positive if it is direct.

#### E-M-ORBITS AND SYMMETRY PROPERTIES

Since all orbits start with orthogonal departures from the  $X_R$ -axis, a second orthogonal crossing of this axis insures that the orbit is periodic in the rotating reference frame. This follows from the symmetry properties of orbits of the given problem (see e.g., Szebehely, ref. 3, page 426). For clarity of the illustration, periodic orbits are frequently depicted to only half of the periods. There, the marking of the crossing by means of the "right-angle sign" manifests the orbit's periodic character.

Also, because of the symmetry properties by reflection on the  $X_R$ -axis, all orbits can be continued backwards (or "upstream") of the starting points, reflecting the downstream path with reversed velocity after reflection. This is particularly important in regard to a search for so-called "free return trajectories," i.e., orbits that start near Earth, circumnavigate the Moon, and return to Earth without requiring a thrust impulse. Thus, all orbits of the present E-M-series that approach the Earth can

indeed be considered to be the return phase of free-return trajectories.

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Some E-M-orbits are marked by a "n\*-value". This serves to point toward the structural similarity of the orbit to that Kepler-orbit that is annotated by the same value for its n-value.

#### APPLICATIONS AND DIMENSIONING

In cases where the information displayed here is used for determining flight modes of real E-M flights, due consideration must be given to the many simplifications imposed on the real world in representing the environment of these flights by the model of the restricted three-body problem. The most influential departures from the real world are brought about by ignoring the true shape of the orbits of the two masses about each other, the effects of Sun and other planets, and, for the orbital behavior near the masses, the effects of the body shape and inhomogeniety (masscons) of the two masses.

Due to these and other model deviations, the flights in a more realistic model deviate in many details from those represented here, particularly involving matters of periodicity. What is retained, however, is the general topology and the course of structural developments from orbit to orbit. Since the exhibit of these is the primary concern of the survey graphs, especially the group of twenty (Figures 6-25), reference to these is most helpful for real flight orbit selection and design.

For this application, the data listed here are to be transformed from normalized to dimensioned data. This is carried out by multiplying the given data of distances, velocities, and time periods by the following factors:

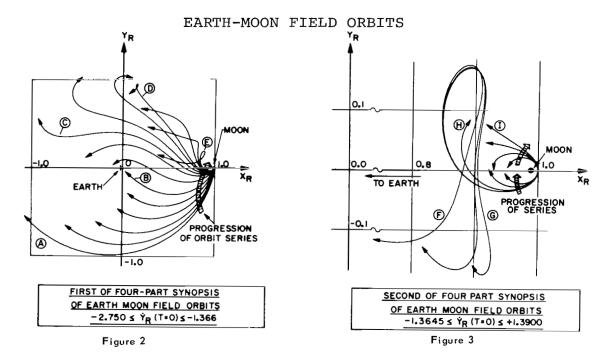
for distance, multiply by distance E-M (roughly 400 megameter or 240,000 st. miles)

for velocities, multiply by velocity of the moon (roughly 1.0 km/sec or 2400 st. mph)

for time, multiply by ratio of days in one lunar revolution about Earth to  $2\pi$  (roughly 4.3 to give the time in days).

#### EARTH-MOON FIELD ORBITS: SYNOPSIS IN FOUR PARTS

Figures 2-5 represent a very condensed synoptical view of the series of orbits described in the body of this report. This synopsis gives a broad-brush representation of the major features encountered in the run of the series and enables a first orientation in case some particular phase development is searched for.



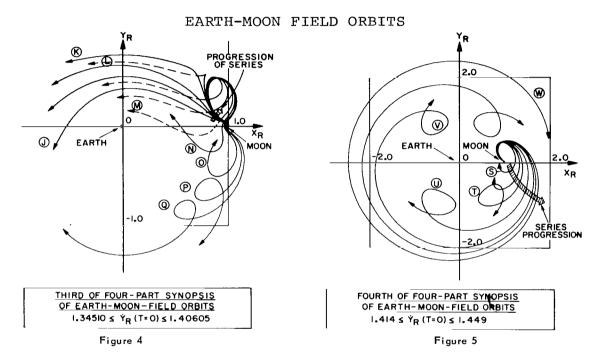
The progression of the series within each figure is indicated by the heavy arrow pointing in the direction of the increasing initial velocity component  $Y_{\rm R}$ , and also by the progress in alphabetical labeling of some of the orbits.

The series starts with orbit "A" which represents an orbit in the neighborhood of the border between escape orbits and orbits "generally bounded." (The term in quotes is to indicate that the region of bounded orbits is interspersed with orbits that escape the system through a close lunar flyby.) The orbits following orbit "A" in the progression move consistently closer to the Earth. Orbit "B" is the Earth-collision orbit. It is the only one in the present class that reaches the Earth in a "simple" flight mode, i.e., without a prior close lunar flyby.

The collision orbit "B" separates orbits whose sense of mean-orbital motion about the Earth is retrograde from those of direct motion about the Earth.

With orbit "E" of this figure, a particular development is starting that is signified by the formation of a loop in the neighborhood of the Moon. The development is carried through on the following graph.

Figure 3 shows the increasing retention of orbits by the Moon's gravity leading finally to those orbits that are confined to the Moon's neighborhood. All orbits that are of the type of lunar satellite orbits are found between the orbits marked "H" and "I".



The third graph of this group, Figure 4, shows the resumption of the motion about the Earth starting with orbit "J" and progressing to orbit "K". The move away from the Earth which is noted with these orbits is reversed with the orbits following as orbit "L" to orbit "M".

In the sequence of orbits "N", "O" and "P" the return to retrograde mean motion about the Earth can be recognized. All orbits of this graph pass in front of the Moon.

With the group of orbits on Figure 5 then, the initial velocities are large enough that the orbits approach patterns of Kepler orbits again. Apogees show increasing radial distances and the orbital periods increase as manifested by the forward movement of the perigee loops "T", "U", "V". The last orbit ("W") is close to the upper boundary of bounded trajectories.

With this orbit, the four-part synopsis is concluded.

# TWENTY SURVEY GRAPHS OF THE E-M-SERIES WITH SIX SURVEY GRAPHS OF THE KEPLER SERIES

The orbits of the twenty survey graphs of the E-M-series are selected and grouped with the purpose of giving insight into the development of the various formations encountered in the course of progression.

Hence, a reader primarily interested in the study of developments is better served by these survey graphs than by the individual orbits of the succeeding chapter. However, the emphasis on lucidity here excludes the display of orbits to any considerable length of orbital period. This is why many interesting orbits will not be recognized in the survey graphs.

There are, on the other hand, those orbits that contribute border cases between classes of orbits, as between direct and retrograde orbits or between orbits about the Moon and orbits about both Earth and Moon. As far as these bordercase orbits are concerned in the progression of the series, their place and significance are given due mention in this chapter.

Concurrently with the twenty survey graphs of the E-M-series, survey graphs of Kepler orbits are presented. The relatively smaller number of development phases existing in the Kepler series allows rendering of the Kepler series in six graphs. The primary purpose of its inclusion is to provide a ready means of comparing the two series and thereby accord explanations for various features observable in the E-M-series.

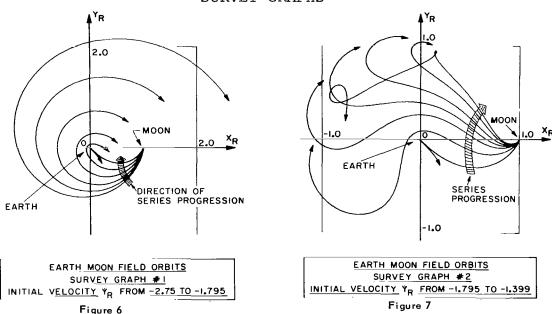
For completeness, however, the Kepler series is also carried through where a semblance of the two series is lacking.

The limits of the Kepler series presentation are the limits of elliptical motion, i.e., the retrograde and the direct parabolic orbit, the sense of motion being understood in reference to an inertial frame.

The discussion of the E-M series, then, is limited to the range that can be set in parallel to the range of elliptical Kep-ler orbits. This extension proves adequate since the semblance of the two series outside the chosen boundaries is quite good.

Direction of both series progressions is from the lowest negative initial velocity  $Y_{\text{R}}$  upwards.

The first graph of the E-M-series (Figure 6) shows the group of orbits that covers the range from the lower limit of the series to the orbit that collides with the Earth. The development of this group is quite regular insofar as distances from the Earth



decrease consistently until the collision orbit is reached. Initial velocity of the collision orbit is -1.795, expressed in normalized units.

A point of significance attached to this collision orbit is its role as central orbit for a region of flyby orbits that may serve the practical interests of E-M flights. By virtue of the orthogonal crossings of the  $X_R$ -axis behind the Moon, all flyby orbits in the current series are return branches of symmetrical free-return orbits.

The series is continued on Figure 7 with the collision orbit repeated. This orbit represents the transition from retrograde to direct mean-angular motion about the Earth. This transition holds for the sidereal reference frame as well as the synodic. The development within this group in Figure 7 may be characterized by the increase in perigee distance and the decrease of the apogee loops.

Figures 8 and 9, are the first two graphs of the Kepler series, evidencing a good similarity to their E-M-counterparts. Some orbits here are labelled for easy reference. Orbit "A" is the exact parabolic orbit of inertially retrograde direction. The orbit "C", that collides with the mass, represents in the inertial frame the rectilinear orbit which after collision bounces back to its origin. The transition between opposite directions of mean-orbital motion occurs only once if the orbits are viewed

in the inertial system. For the viewer rotating with the synodic system, a very interesting return to the retrograde motion unfolds later in the Kepler series. With the E-M-series, the mean-motion behavior is more complicated.

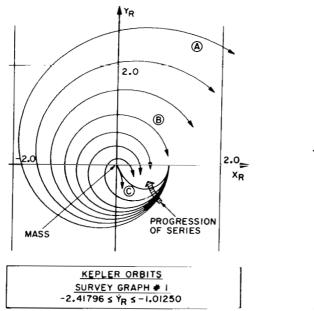
Before leaving the graphs of the Kepler orbits, it may be observed for later reference that the loops caused by the slow-down of orbital speed around the apogee points are decreasing in extension with progression of the series.

From here on, comparability between the two series does not exist for a larger portion of the series.

The two subsequent E-M-series graphs, Figures 10 and 11, in conjunction with the former E-M graph, Figure 7, reveal a significant motion as far as the perigee points of orbits are concerned. Perigees successively move away, advance toward, and again move away from the Earth. This oscillating perigee travel shows up again later in the series.

When advancing toward the Earth, the orbits do not approach the Earth closer than shown on Figure 10. At this point, it may be worthwhile to mention that there is no second "simple" Earth collision case in the E-M-series, but quite a number of orbits which show Earth collisions on the second or later "run", i.e.,

### KEPLER ORBITS SURVEY GRAPHS





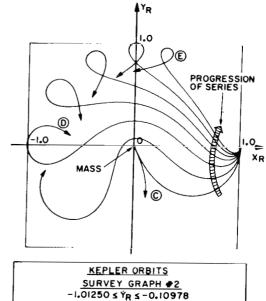
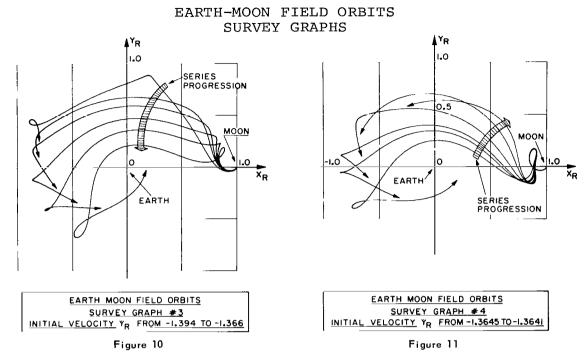


Figure 9



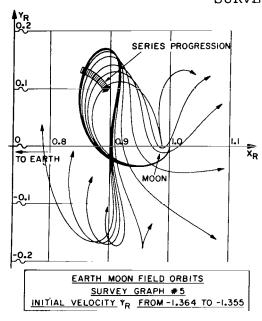
after the orbits first had a close lunar flyby.

Returning to the current graphs (Figures 10 and 11), it is important to notice that the oscillatory perigee behavior is coinciding with the formation and growth of a loop structure in the field of the Moon. On Figure 11 this loop structure is expanding into the lower half of the plane.

The significance of this formation is becoming clear on Figure 12. Within the progression represented on this graph, the orbits undergo the transition from those that move in the E-M-field to those that move in the Moon-field only. (The reference to the "Moon-field" is rather loose here. Its extent is determined preferably from the orbital motion about the Moon.)

The transition stretches out over a finite velocity range and produces a number of interesting and significant periodic orbits that are depicted in the chapter of individual orbits. (See Figures 180, 184-187, 195 and others.)

On the following three graphs (Figures 13-15), concern is given to the presentation of the orbits whose motion is confined to the Moon's field. Essentially the development consists of a steady shrinking of the orbits to a minimum and a subsequent expansion. In the course of the contracting phase, the orbits assume more and more the shapes of ellipses. This is particularly true after the development has passed through the near-



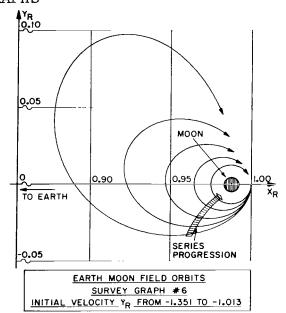


Figure 12

Figure 13

circular orbit shown on Figure 14 as the first one of the group. In the succeeding chapter where these orbits are shown for longer time periods, it is demonstrated that the orbits indeed follow closely Keplerian laws with respect to an inertial system and with the Moon as the central body. The motion of the synodic coordinate system then makes itself apparent in a rotational progression of the orbits. This motion does not come to light within the short periods for which the orbits are shown on Figure 14.

It is relevant to notice on Figure 14 that the orbit of zero initial velocity is very near to the orbit that collides with the Moon, this body, of course, considered as a point-mass. This coincidence does not hold if the orbits are started from larger initial  $\rm X_{\rm p}$ -values (See reference 1).

Furthermore, attention is drawn to the fact that the lunar collision orbit represents the dividing orbit between retrograde and direct angular motion about the Moon. The mean-angular motion about the Earth, however, does not alter at this point in the series.

The last orbit on Figure 14 corresponds again to a near-circular path about the Moon, this time with positive mean-angular motion. The development of the series past this circular case is illustrated on Figure 15 which shows that the orbits reach out increasingly toward the Earth. The last orbit here is a periodic

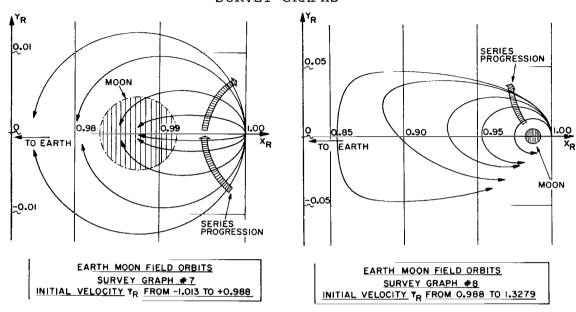


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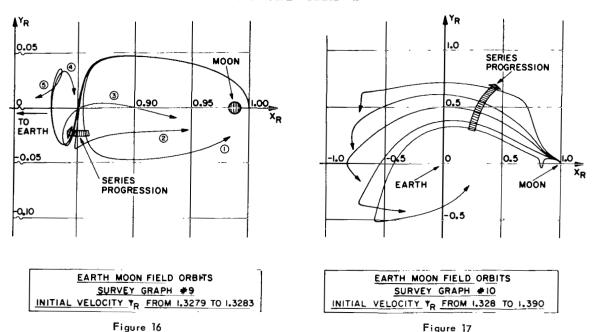
Figure 15

and somewhat triangular one.

Looking back at the velocity range passed through, during the phase of the lunar satellite orbits, one recognizes that from Figure 13 to Figure 15, nearly two units of the normalized velocity coordinate are involved which is approximately half of the full velocity range covered in the series.

What follows on Figure 16 is a short and tenuous phase of transition between the lunar satellite orbits and the orbits in the general E-M field. The exact borderline is manifested in an orbit that lies quite close to the orbit numbered "4" and corresponds to an asymptotic periodic orbit about the cis-lunar equilibrium point.

The three subsequent survey graphs (Figures 17-19) are best studied as a unit since together they reveal a second occurrence of the vacillatory perigee behavior observed before on Figures 7, 10, and 11. Here again the orbits stay away from the Earth by a finite minimum distance. Also, the development phase is again connected with a special loop formation near the Moon. The transition that is foreboded by the loop formation here is the change from the direct mean-angular motion about the Earth to the retrograde direction.



This transition is taking place within the phase displayed on Figure 20. The threshold orbit is a periodic orbit about the Moon which is characterized by the fact that it exhibits two big "ear lobes" leading and trailing the Moon. (For the threshold orbit, see Figure 310 in the succeeding chapter!)

On Figure 21, a consistent group of orbits of retrograde motion about the Earth is displayed.

At this point in the progression we might resume the reference to Kepler orbits and show the continuation of the progression interrupted with Figure 9. This point is an opportune one, since the Kepler series also undergoes a change in the direction of the mean angular motion. This can be studied on Figures 22 and 23.

The continuity of the first orbit on Figure 22, i.e., orbit "F" with the group of Kepler orbits on Figure 9, is well recognizable. The development from here on involves orbits with loops that decrease in size and succeed each other in shorter intervals.

An enlarged view of what follows in the serial progression is given on the next graph (Figure 23). Orbit "I" is the last example selected of the group of orbits with direct mean motion relative to the synodic coordinate system. Orbit "K" is an orbit with retrograde mean motion. In between is the unique orbit "J" which is stationary in the synodic system and periodic with its

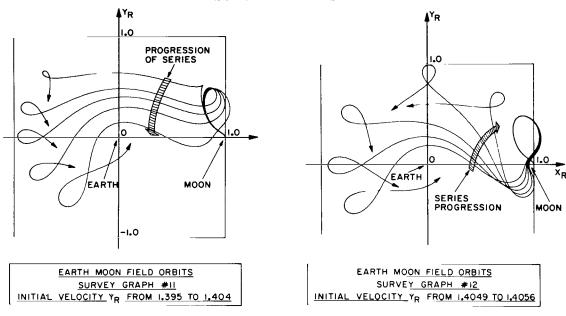


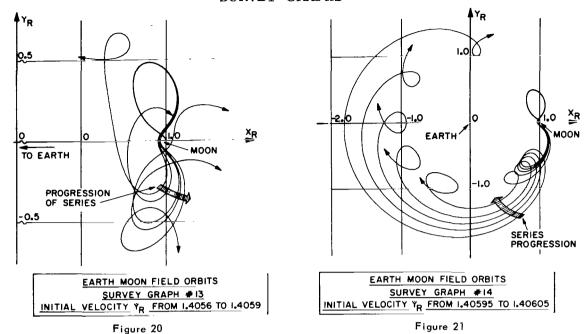
Figure 18 Figure

period  $2\pi$  equal to that of the synodic system relative to the sidereal one. This orbit is the limit between forward and retrograde mean motion.

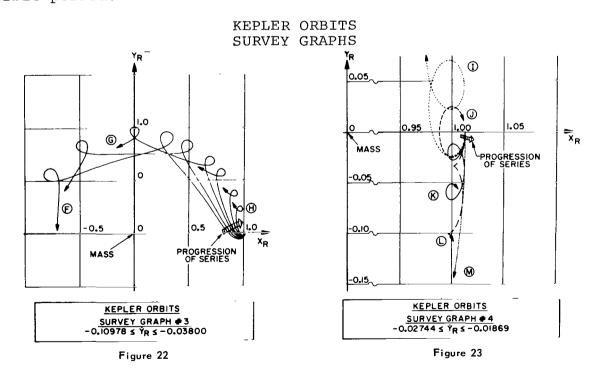
The evolution of the Kepler orbits shortly after passage to the retrograde direction is pointed out by the three orbit examples "K", "L", and "M" on Figure 23. Distances between successive loops increase again. On the other hand, the shrinkage of the loops continues. This latter process is completed with the arrival of the orbit labeled "L", which is a cusping orbit. Between this orbit and orbit "M" of this figure, all secondary oscillations fade away. Orbit "M" is an orbit of circular motion about the mass, the second one of the Kepler series. With respect to an inertial coordinate system, this circular orbit is of positive mean angular motion.

The reader is referred back now to the E-M-series which is continued in Figures 24 and 25. The process that unfolds within the progression of orbits on these two figures is that of further extrication of the orbits from the lunar attraction. With the last orbit on Figure 25 the process is completed.

What is not shown here, is a short-lived return of the orbits to direct mean motion about the Earth. This phase and its two periodic bordering orbits may be studied in the next chapter on Figures 319 through 328.



The succeeding orbit group (on Figure 26) reveals a consistent progress in a fashion that is expected. The increasing radial extension implies the growing apogee radius, and the successively later appearing perigee loops point toward the increasing orbit period.



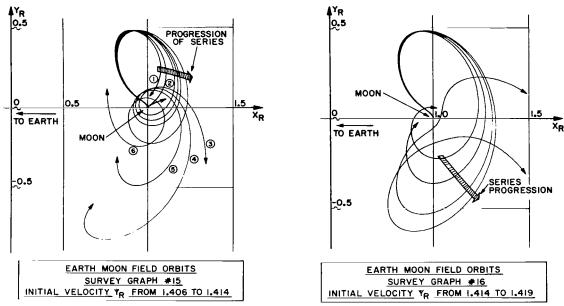


Figure 24 Figure 25

The group of orbits on Figure 27 may be looked upon rather as an interlude than a typical step in the progression. There is a minute velocity progression connected with the total group. Here, the orbits are again "caught" by the Moon and their course after flyby is deflected to generate the pattern in the Earth's field as demonstrated on this figure.

On Figure 28, the consistent pattern of growth started on Figure 26 is resumed. The development "in the large" from here on is rather predictable, though specific "interludes" of the nature shown on Figure 27 are interspersed.

The expanding pattern of spirals is exemplified by a number of orbits on the last graph of the E-M-series. (Figure 29) The last of these orbits is in the neighborhood of an escape orbit.

Figures 30 and 31 conclude the series of Kepler orbits. The group on Figure 30 starts out with the circular orbit "N" which is identical to orbit "M" on Figure 23. Orbits beyond the circular one in a sense reverse the pattern sequence that was followed in approaching the circular, since now orbits are again building-up the "secondary" formations as: indentations, cusp, and then increasing loops. Also, the angular spacing of the loops, i.e., of perigee occurrences, increases with the series progression as noticeable on the sequence labelled "O" to "S".

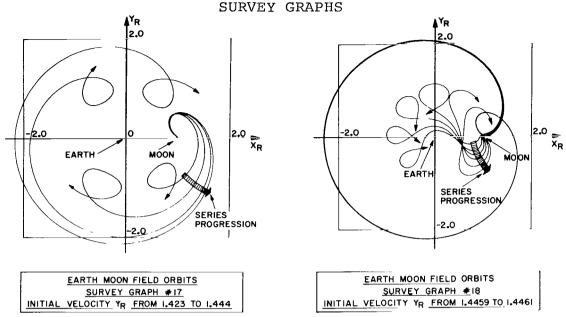


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Figure 27

By virtue of this behavior, the trend of patterns of the Kepler series is toward growing semblance to those of the E-M-series. Comparability — at least as far as the earlier parts of the orbits are concerned — between the two series is revealing itself well in the last graph of each series (Figures 31 and 29). The orbits that terminate the E-M-series (on Figure 29) were selected to demonstrate a behavior similar to the last one of the Kepler series (Figure 31), which is, in fact, the inertially-positive branch of the parabolic orbit.

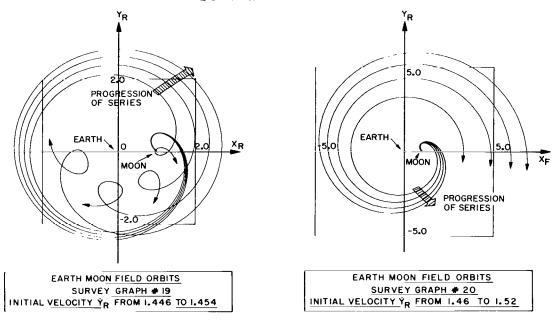


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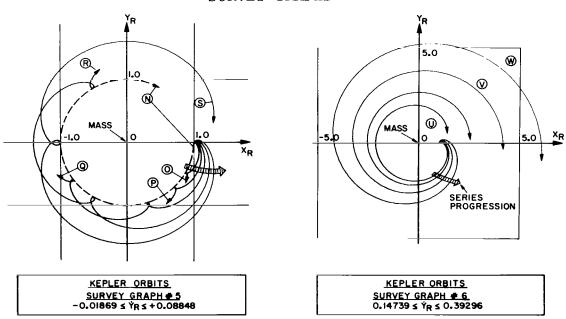


Figure 31

# PRESENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL ORBITS OF THE E-M-SERIES AND THE KEPLER SERIES

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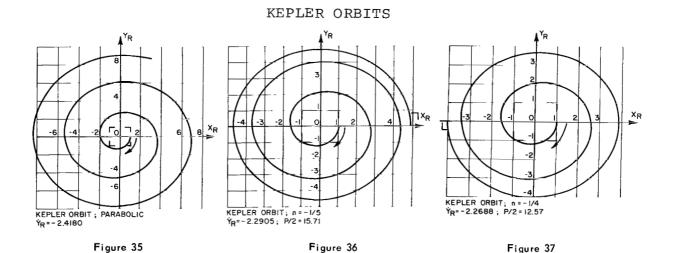
The density of sequencing the orbits of the two series in this chapter is, in general, sufficient to let the developments of orbital structures be recognized without difficulty.

Comments to the figures, therefore, are made only at places where either the orbital behavior seems to require clarification or the significance of the orbital event calls for emphasis.

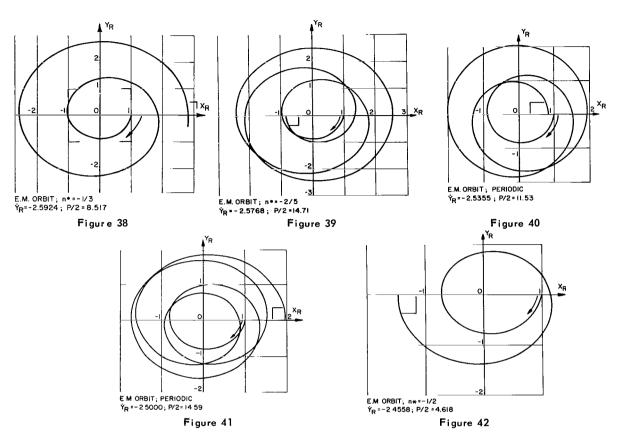
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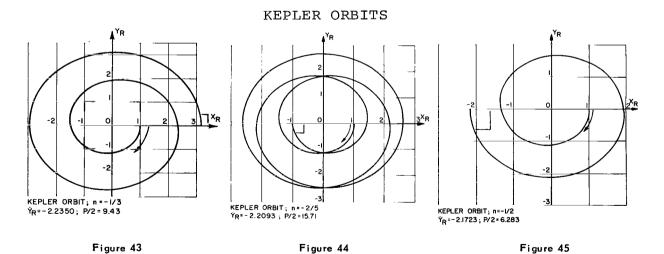
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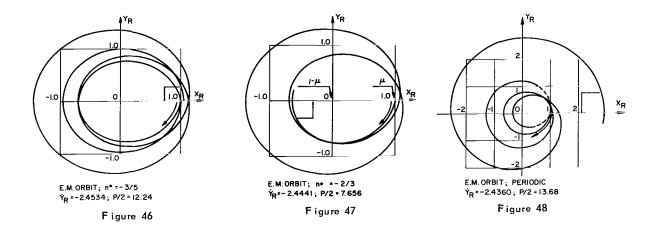
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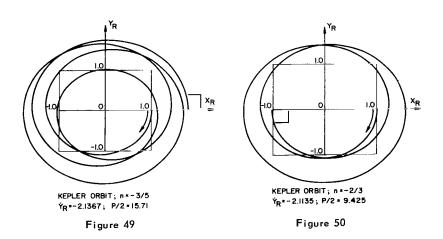


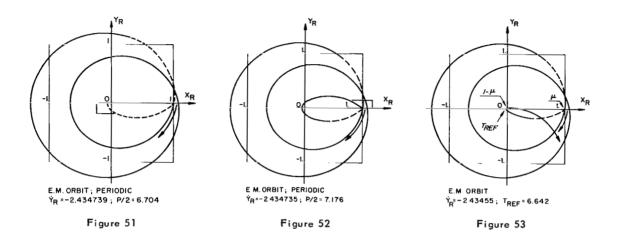
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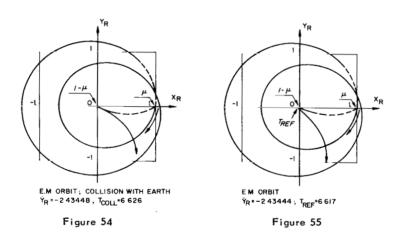












The development on Figures 51 to 59 reappears several times in the progression, modified or reversed. The essential features are: approach to the Moon as shown in the dashed orbital portion of Figure 51 with deflection of the downstream path toward the Earth; periodic orbits in Figures 51 and 52, the half-period marked by the orthogonal crossings of the  $X_R$ -axis; development of Earth collision shown on Figure 54, with two neighboring close Earth-flybys in opposing directions (Figures 53 and 55), development of collision with the Moon, occurring on Figure 57 with close

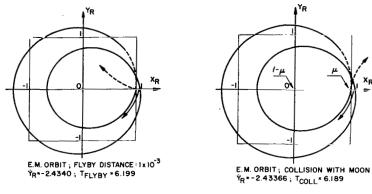


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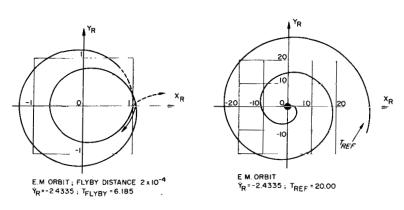
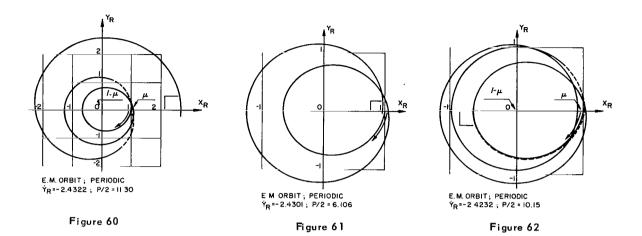
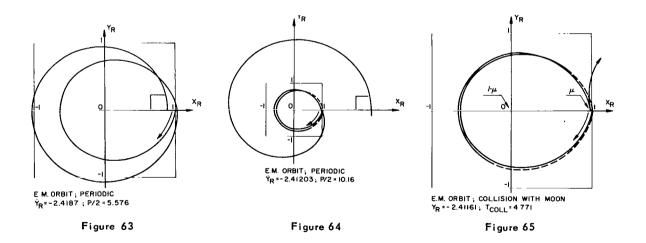


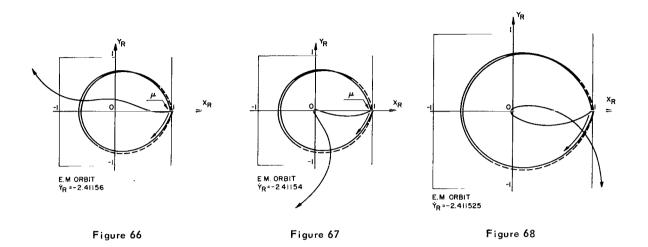
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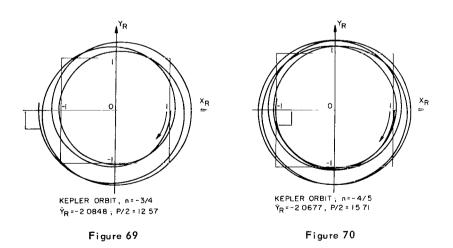
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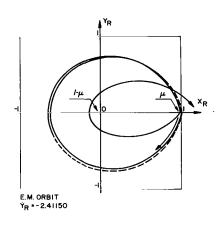
neighboring orbits circumnavigating the Moon in opposite directions (Figures 56 and 58). Figure 59 shows the same orbit conditions as Figure 58, but the period of the orbit is extended to 20 units compared to about 6 units on the former orbit. (The history of the initial movement is blotted out here.) Figure 59 shows the effect of the close lunar flyby. The development, encountered here the first time, is illustrated on Figures 76 through 84 in its clearest form.











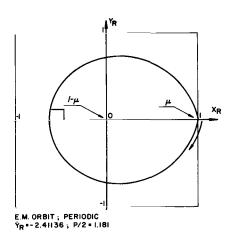


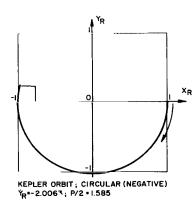
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Figure 72

# Comments to Figures 71 to 73

The smaller of the three loops of the orbit on Figure 71 expands with progression of the series and all three loops then collapse into a single loop, which is depicted on Figure 72. This is the only figure in the E-M-series that can be set opposite to the (inertially negative) circular orbit of the Kepler series (Figure 73).

#### KEPLER ORBITS



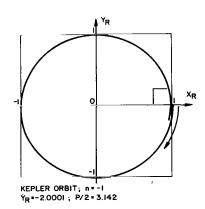
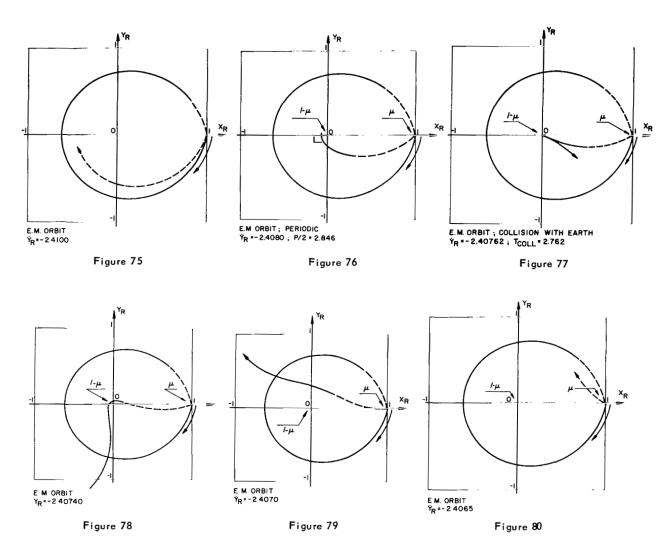


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# Comments to Figures 76 to 84

On Figures 76 to 84 the development (discussed earlier) involving collisions with Earth and Moon within a close interval of initial conditions is rendered in its clearest form. Observe that the orbit of collision with the Moon (Figure 81) is repeated with much longer time period on Figure 82. While this orbit is not investigated to determine whether it is of escaping type or bounded, the orbit on Figure 84 is included to show the boundedness.

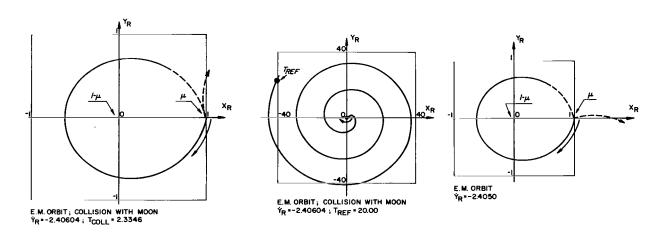


Figure 81 Figure 82 Figure 83

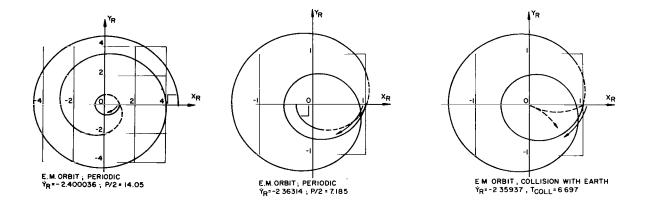
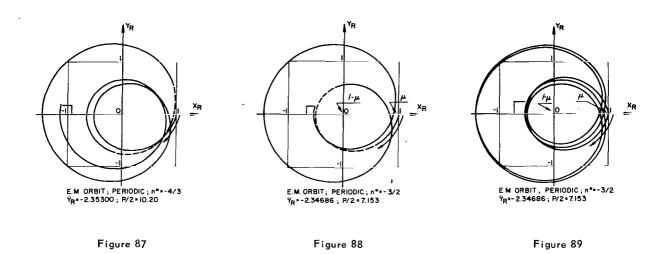


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# Comments to Figures 88 to 99

Some of these orbits are shown with half period as well as full period to aid the perception of structural similarity of E-M-orbits with the corresponding Kepler orbits.

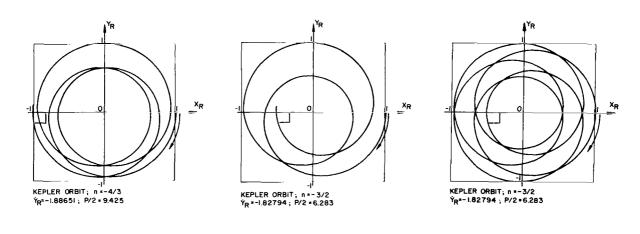
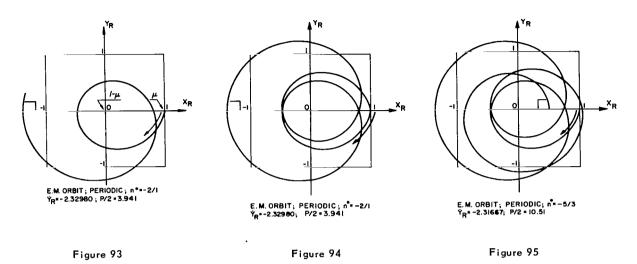


Figure 90 Figure 91 Figure 92



### Comments to Figures 93 to 99

Notice that both Figures 95 and 99 show orbits of the structure of  $n^* = -5/3$ , corresponding to the structure of the Kepler orbit of commensurability n = -5/3 as depicted on Figure 96. The sequence of these E-M-orbits with the E-M-orbit of  $n^* = -2/1$  on Figure 93 is reversed to that of the corresponding Kepler orbits on Figures 96 and 97.

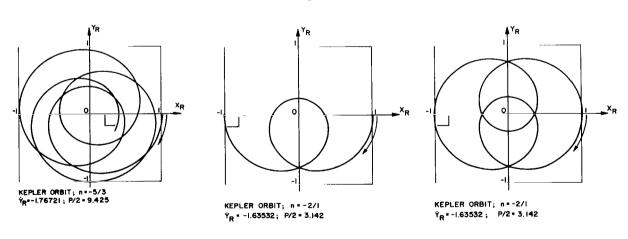
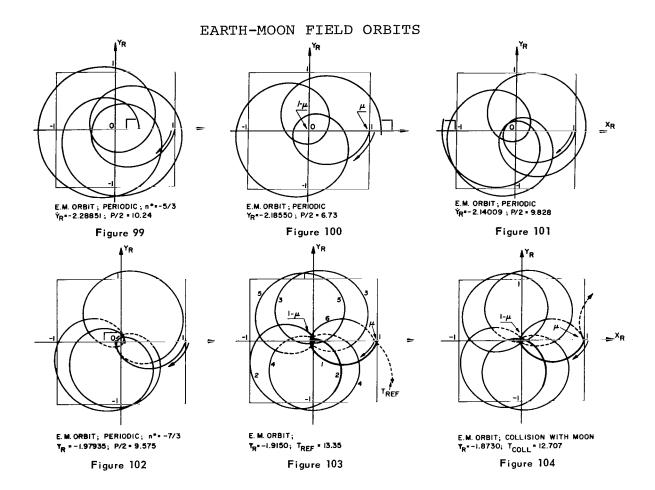
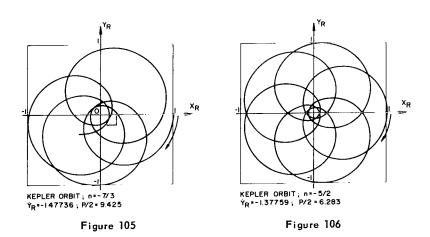


Figure 96 Figure 97 Figure 98





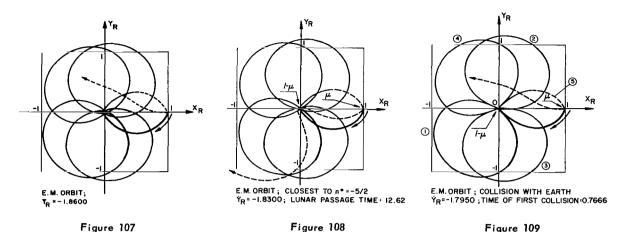


Figure 109 is the case of the orbit colliding with the Earth (this assumed to be a point-mass). After five collisions or near-

collisions, the orbit returns to circumnavigate the Moon (dashed curve). The sequence is indicated by the numbers on the loops.

Since lunar circumnavigation does not happen with orthogonal crossing of the  $X_R$ -axis, the collision case is not shown to be periodic. The best approach to an orthogonal crossing behind the Moon is obtained with the orbit of Figure 108. On the other hand, a collision with the Moon is encountered with the orbit of Figure 104.

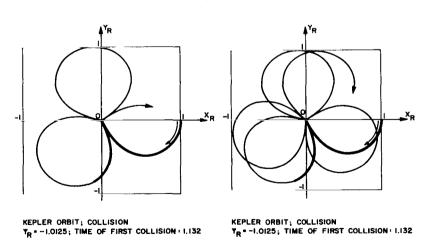
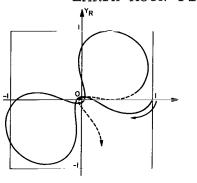
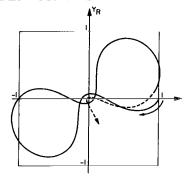


Figure 110

Figure 111





E.M. ORBIT; Y<sub>R</sub> = -1.650 E.M ORBIT; Y<sub>R</sub> = -1.620

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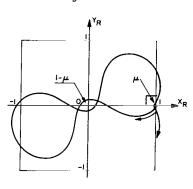
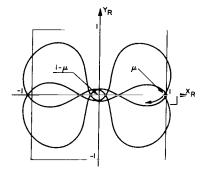


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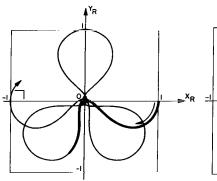


E.M.ORBIT; PERIODIC TR =-1.60225; P/2 = 6.151 E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR \* -1.60225; P/2 \* 6.151

Figure 114

Figure 115

### KEPLER ORBITS



→ X<sub>R</sub>

KEPLER ORBIT; n = +8/3 Y<sub>R</sub> = -0.783788; P/2=9.425 KEPLER ORBIT; n=+5/2 TR=-0.647407; P/2=6.283

Figure 116

Figure 117

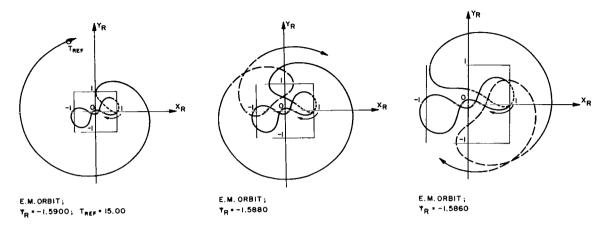
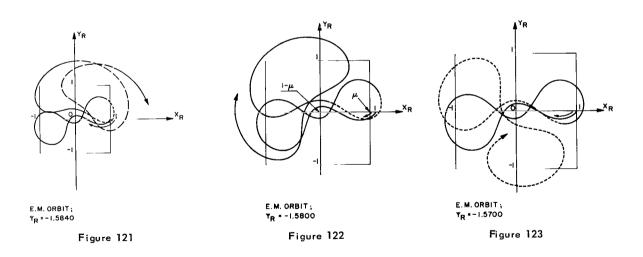


Figure 118 Figure 119



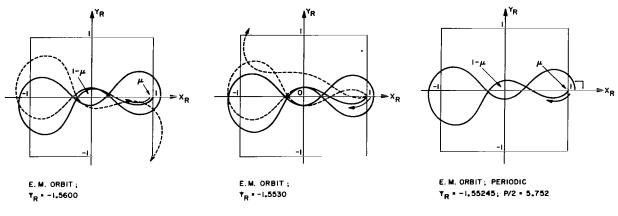
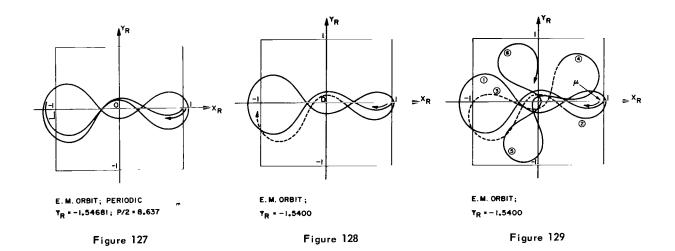
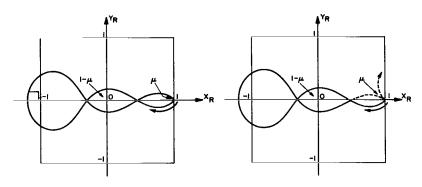


Figure 124 Figure 125 Figure 126

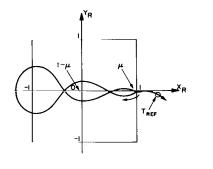




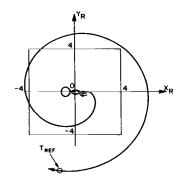
E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC; n= +2/1 TR = -1.53667; P/2 = 2.714 E.M. ORBIT; Y<sub>R</sub> = -1.5340

Figure 130

Figure 131



E.M. ORBIT; YR \*-1.5310; TREF\* 6.0

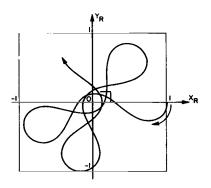


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Figure 132

Figure 133

# KEPLER ORBITS

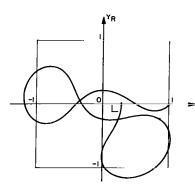


KEPLER ORBIT; n = +7/3 Y<sub>R</sub> = -0.547637; P/2 = 9.425 -1 0 XR

KEPLER ORBIT; n=+2/i T<sub>R</sub>=-0.389678; P/2=3.1416

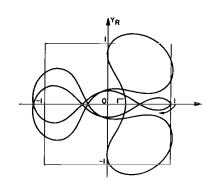
Figure 134

Figure 135



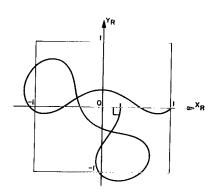
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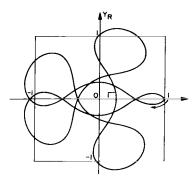
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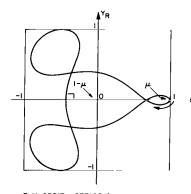
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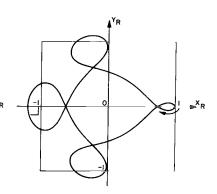
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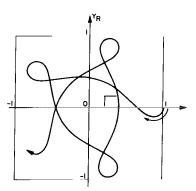
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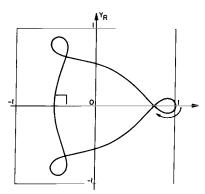
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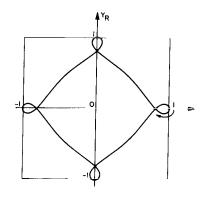
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Figure 142



KEPLER ORBIT; n = + 3/2 T<sub>R</sub> = -0.19706; P/2 = 6.2832

Figure 143



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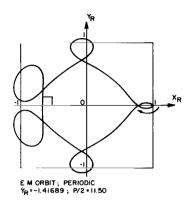


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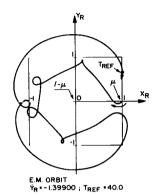


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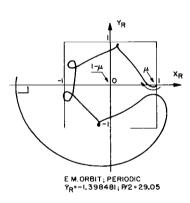


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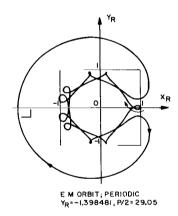
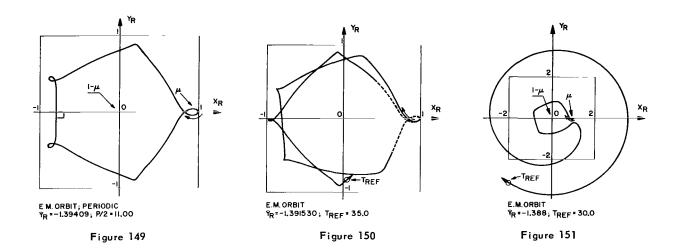
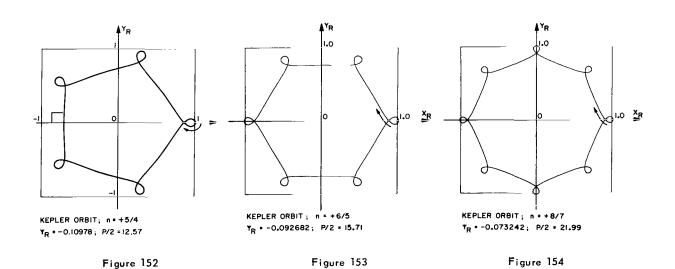


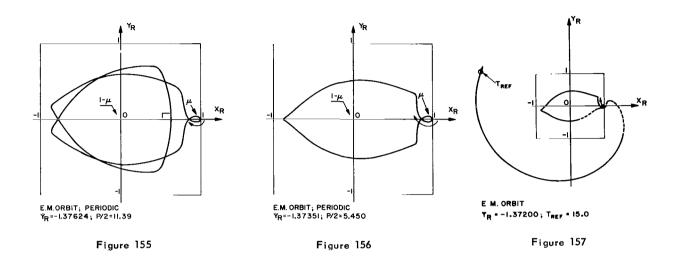
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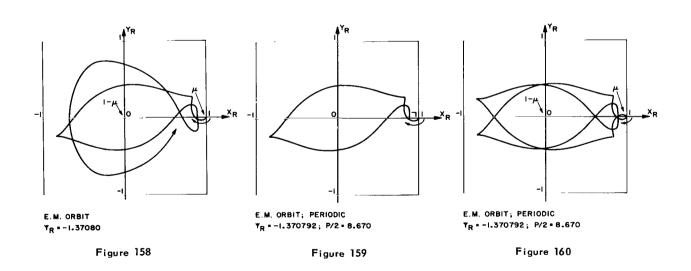
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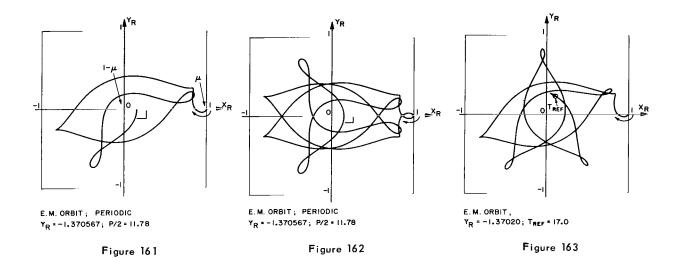
Attention may be directed to the fact that from here on, for a large portion of the series to come, the "breakouts" of the orbits into outside regions materialize through the neck that is formed by the Jacobian zero-velocity curves in the neighborhood of the Moon.

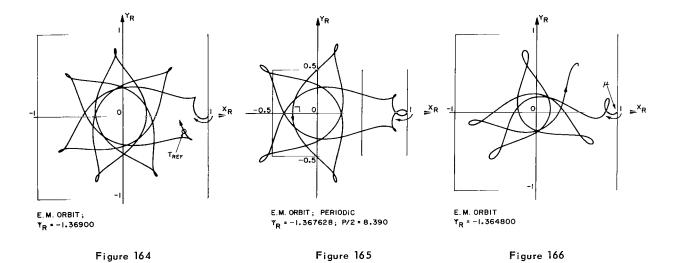


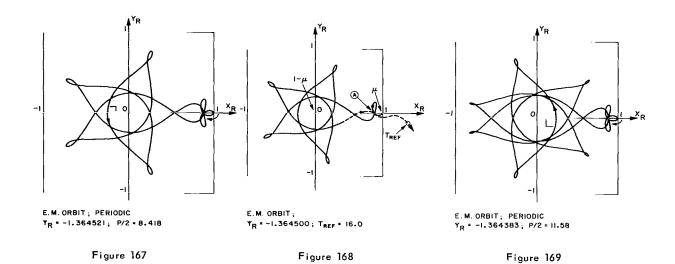


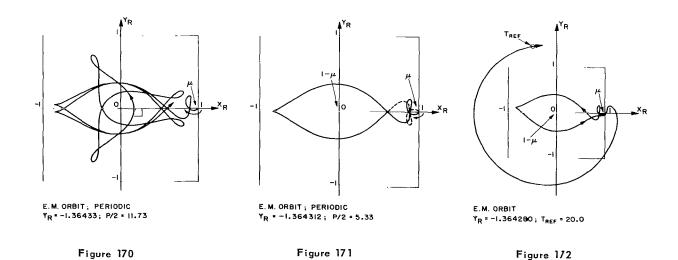












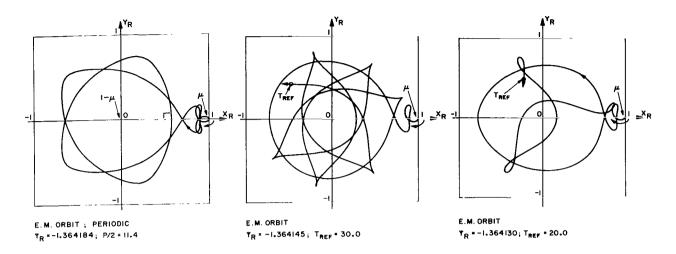


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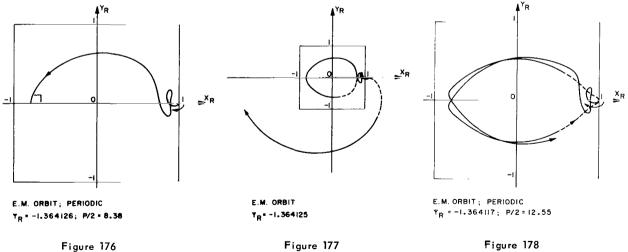
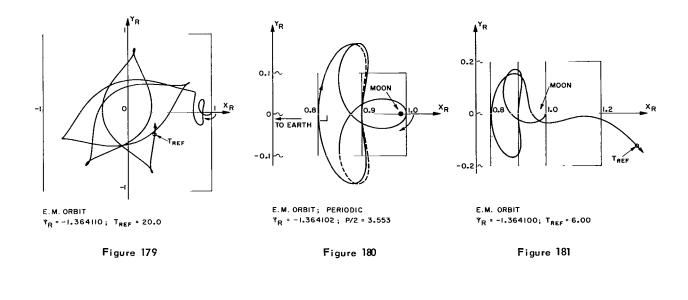


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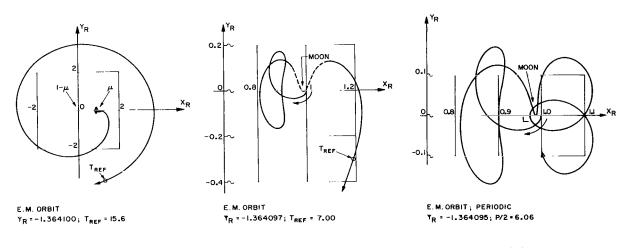


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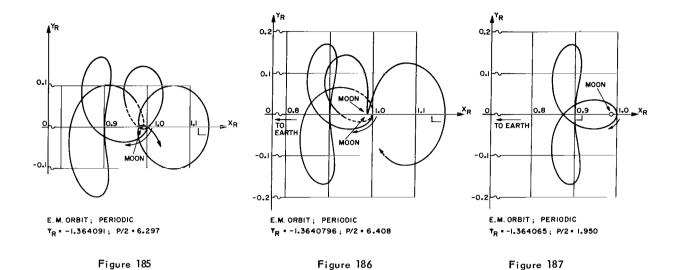
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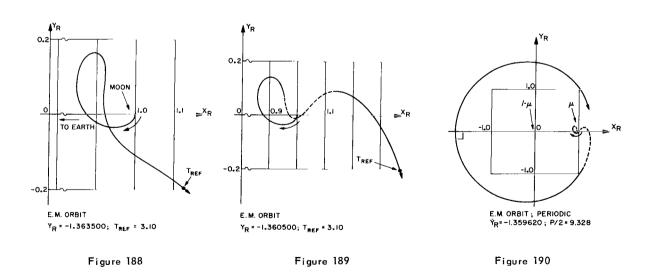
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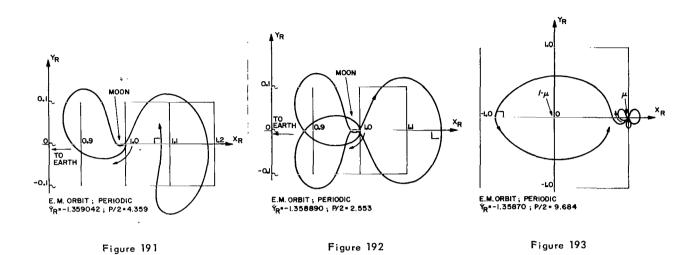
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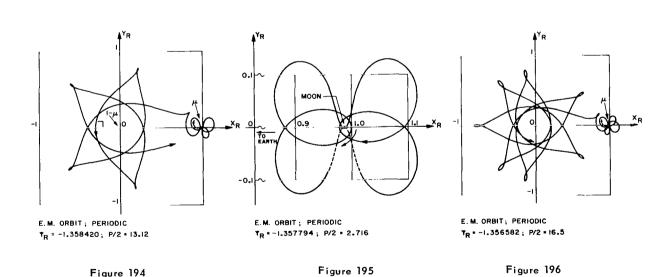
The relatively broad transition area from unconfined orbits toward orbits confined to the Moon's field contains a number of isolated periodic orbits of interesting structure. These start with the orbits on Figure 180 and 184. The reader will recognize others on the following pages.

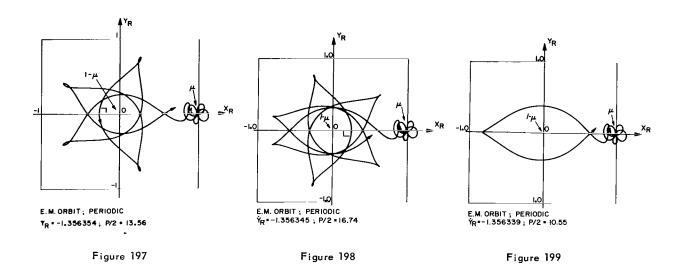
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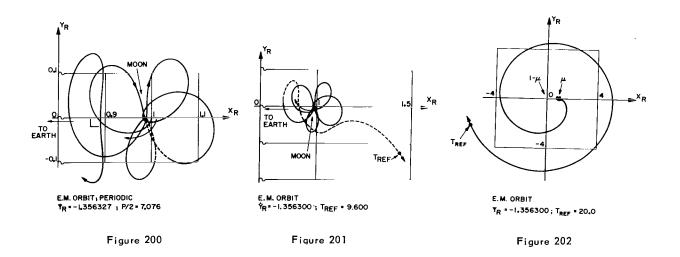


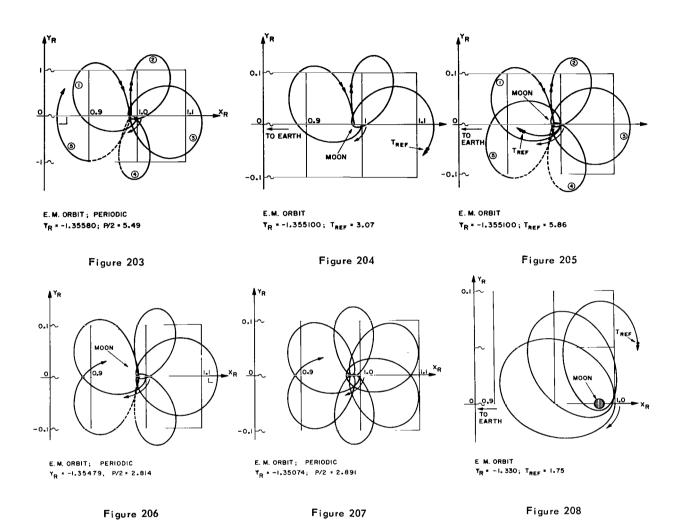






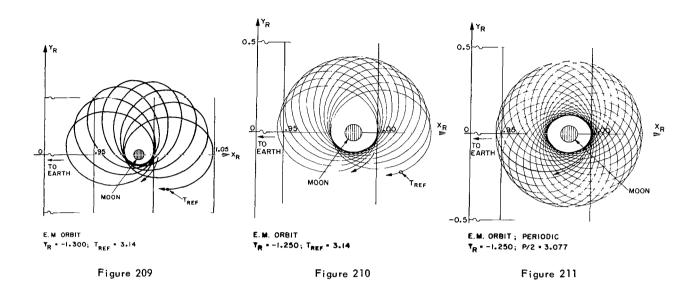


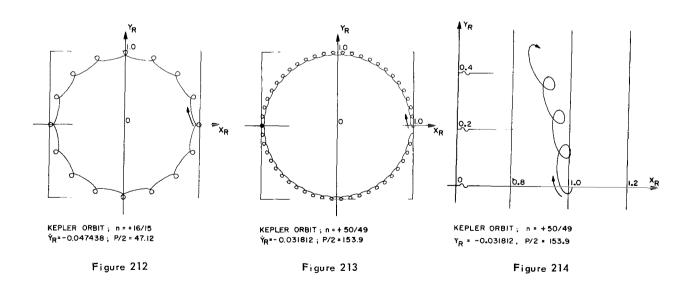


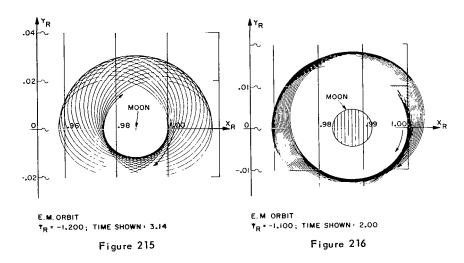


# Comments to Figures 201 to 206

The orbit on Figure 201, shown again in Figure 202 with time extended to T = 20.0, is capable of either escaping or reaching large distances from the masses. With the next four orbits plotted, however, the transition to orbits bounded in the Moon field is realized. The last step toward this is made by the alignment of all loops of the orbit into mean-motion about the Moon in the direct sense of revolution, which is illustrated on Figures 203 to 206. The lunar flyby between the loops numbered "1" and "2" is retrograde on Figure 203 and direct on Figure 206, while Figure 204 and Figure 205 demonstrate the collision case. From here on, the loops form increasingly regular patterns, as shown on the succeeding E-M-graphs.

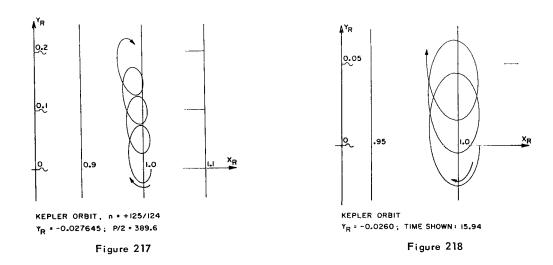


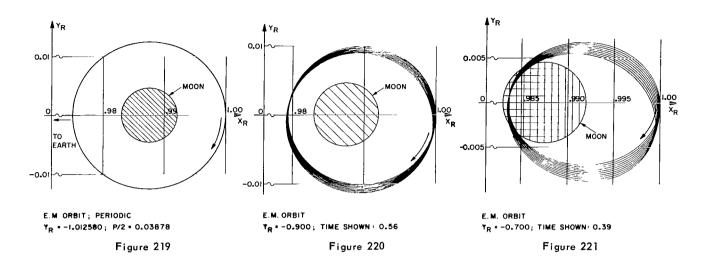




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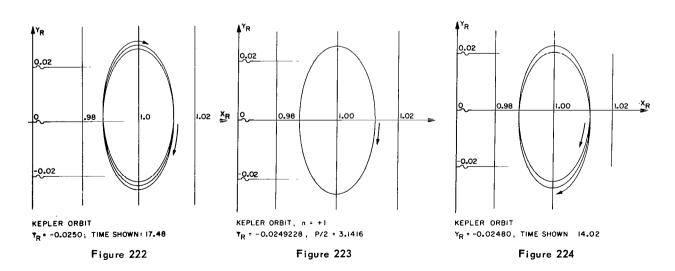
Though the orbit calculation is done with the assumption of the masses being point-masses, the Moon's physical extension is indicated on several of the subsequent figures to convey a feel of the size of the orbits involved.





# Comments to Figures 219, 238 and 223

While the Kepler series has only one orbit of the single-loop type about the point (1.0; 0.0), i.e., that reproduced on Figure 223, the E-M-series produces two single-loop type (near-circular) orbits about the Moon. These are shown on Figures 219 and 238.



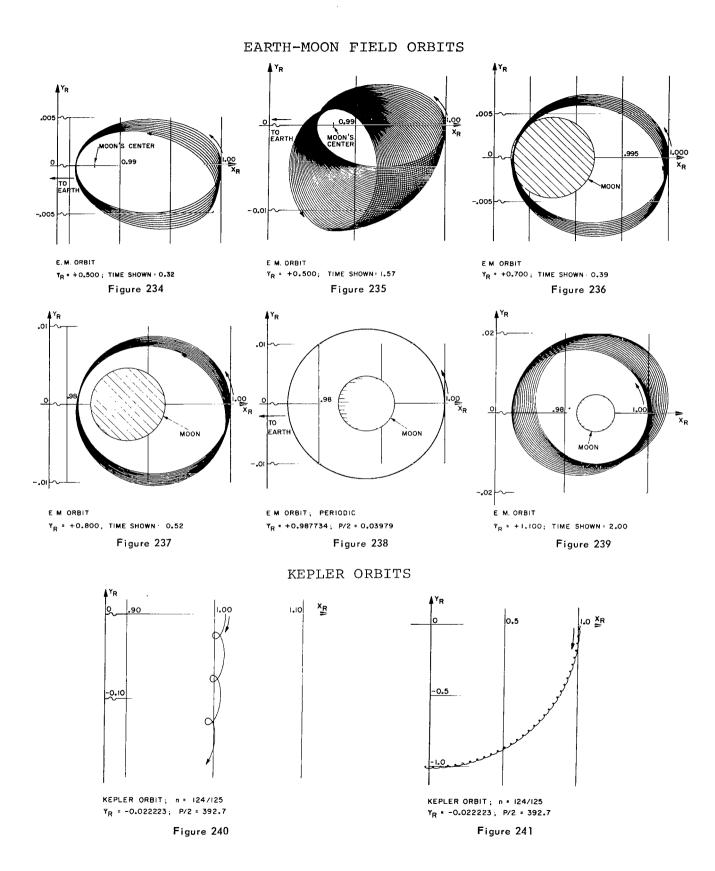
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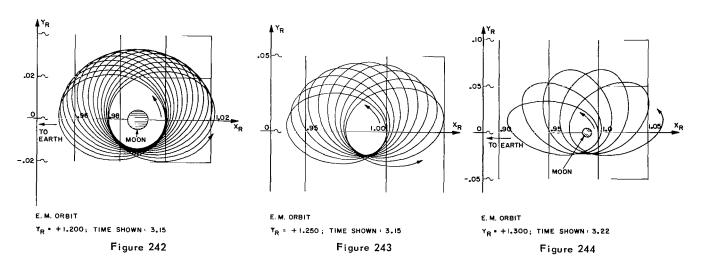
TR = -0.022813; P/2 = 502.6

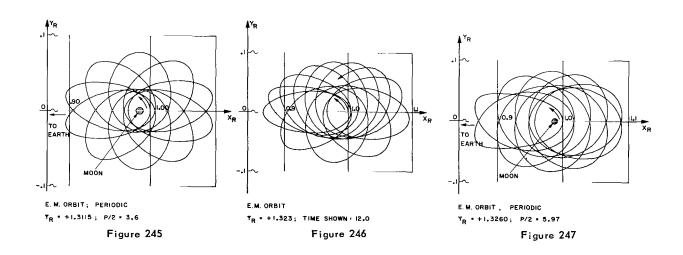
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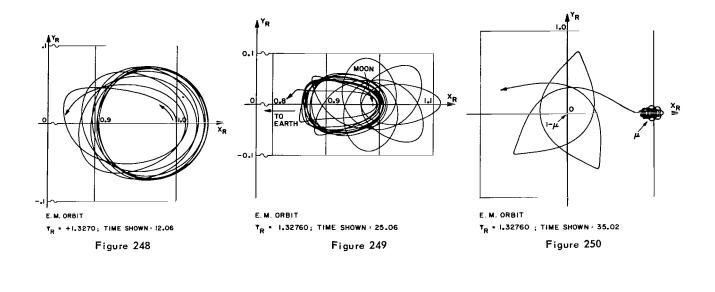
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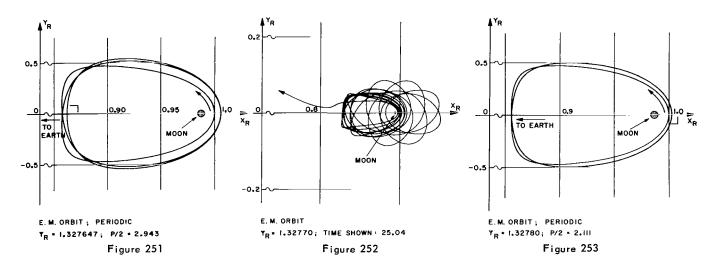
YR = -0.022813; P/2 = 502.6











Comments to Figures 251, 253, 255, and 260

This region of transition from orbits bounded in the Moon's field to general orbits is producing the triangle-shaped periodic orbits of one or more loops as represented on Figures 251, 253, 255, and 260. The last one shows the same number of loops as the first one.

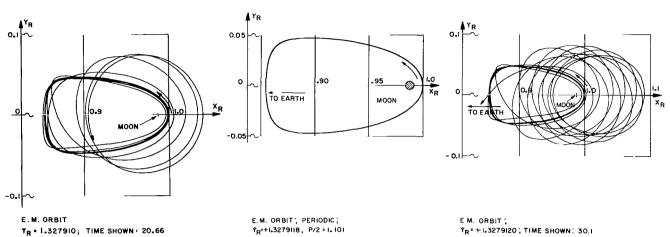


Figure 254

Figure 255

Figure 256

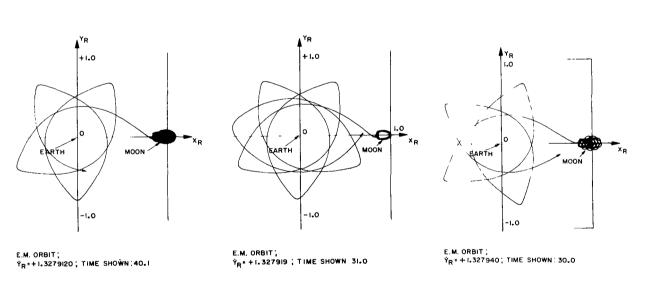


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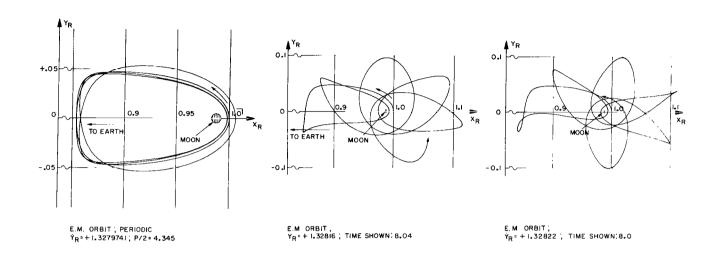


Figure 260

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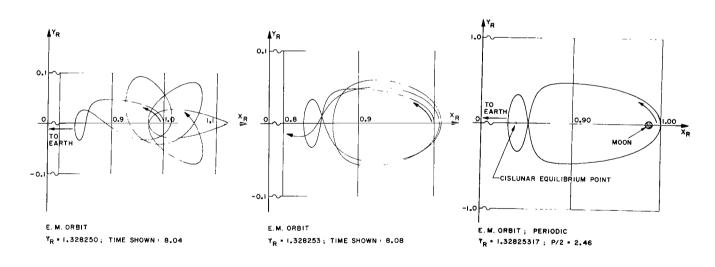
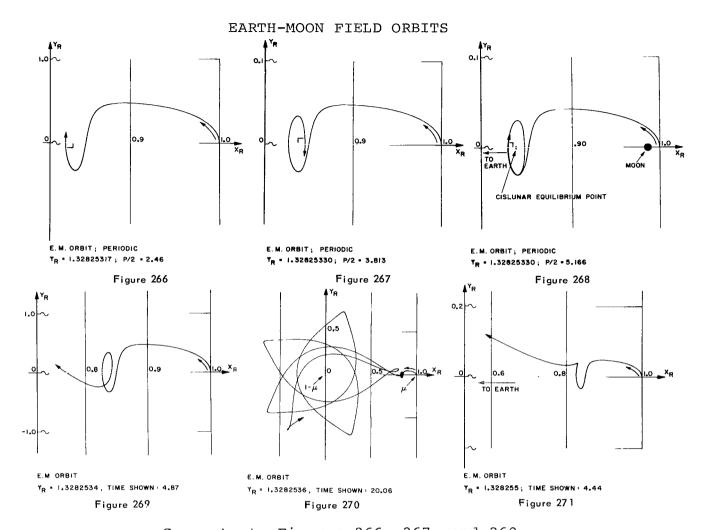


Figure 263

Figure 264

Figure 265



Comments to Figures 266, 267, and 268

Figure 266, which shows the same orbit as Figure 265, is repeated for the half period in order to have the sequence of 266, 267, 268 demonstrate the argument for the existence of an asymptotic periodic orbit about the cis-lunar libration point. The orthogonal crossing of the  $X_R$ -axis is encountered with the second cut of this axis on the first of the three orbits (Figure 266); with the third cut of the  $X_R$ -axis on the second orbit (Figure 267); while on Figure 268 the orthogonal crossing is found with the fourth cut of the  $X_R$ -axis. The velocity differential between the last two orbits is beyond the digits listed here.

Arguments involving the magnitude of the angles of crossings past the orthogonal crossing on Figure 268 can be made in support of the continuation of the sequence of the three orbits toward the asymptotic periodic one, though no proof of this can be given by the methods of experimental astrodynamics.

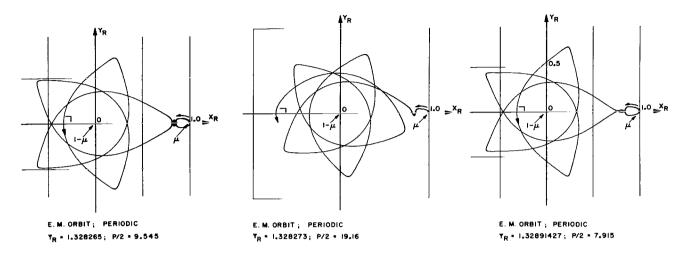


Figure 272

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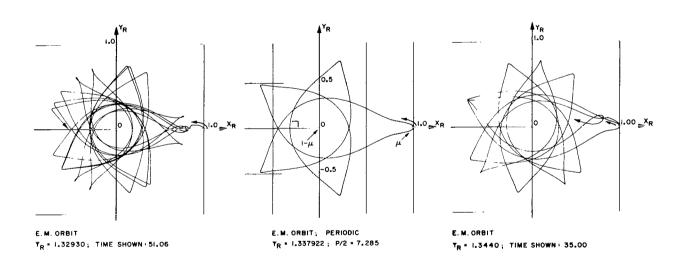
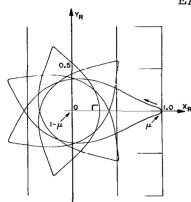
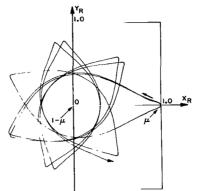


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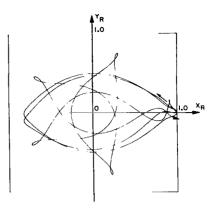
Figure 276



E. M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR = 1.344819; P/2 = 10.30



E.M. ORBIT YR = 1.3450; TIME SHOWN : 35.1



E.M. ORBIT YR = 1.3590; TIME SHOWN : 30.0

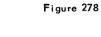
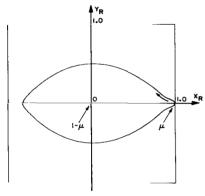
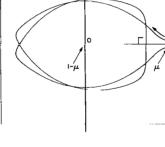




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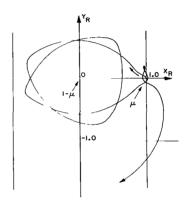


E M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR = 1.359414; P/2 = 4.05



Y<sub>R</sub>

E M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR = 1.363814; P/2 = 9.008



E M. ORBIT YR = 1.36980; TIME SHOWN : 25.15

Figure 281

Figure 282

Figure 283

#### KEPLER ORBITS

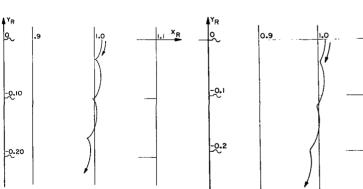
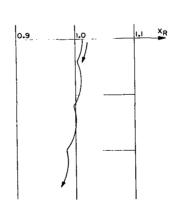


Figure 284

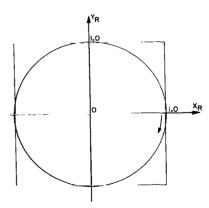
YR = -0.021342; TIME SHOWN: 20.18

KEPLER ORBIT; CUSPING ORBIT



KEPLER ORBIT TR = -0.02070; TIME SHOWN: 20.21

Figure 285



KEPLER ORBIT ; CIRCULAR (POSITIVE) TR = -0.0186920; P/2 = 170.2

Figure 286

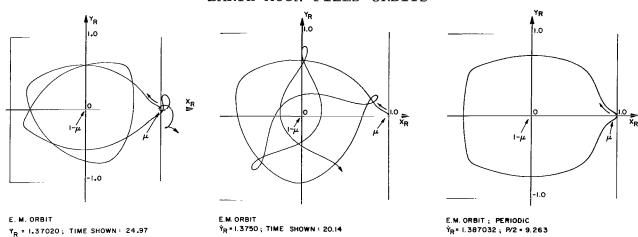
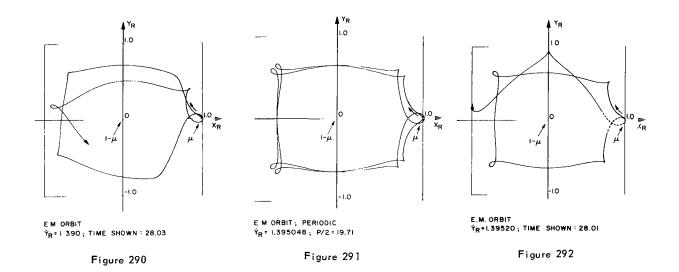


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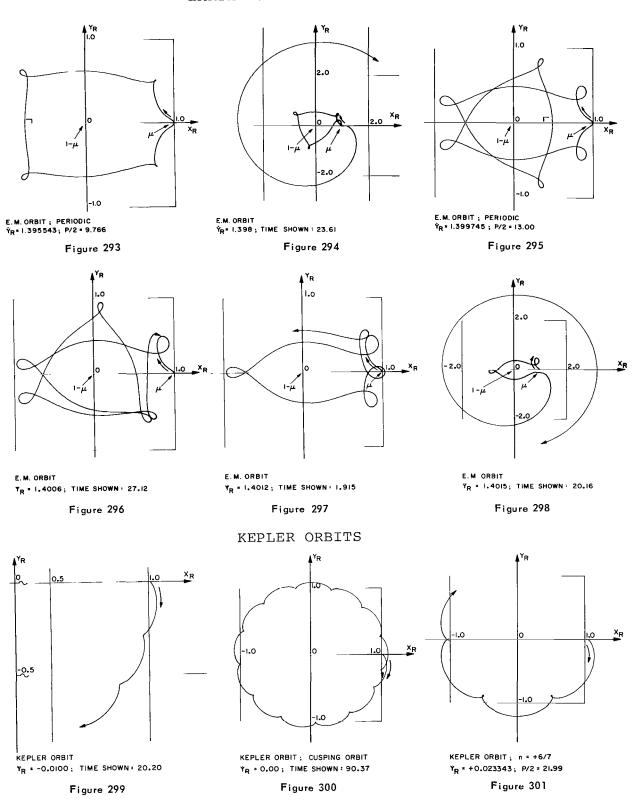
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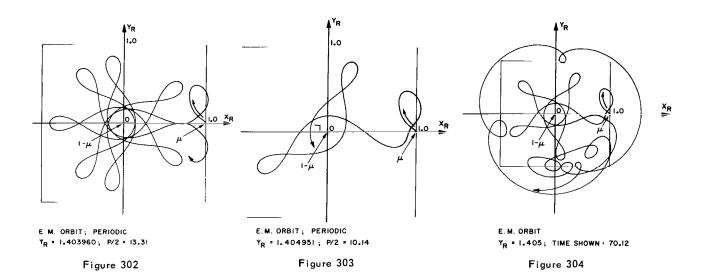
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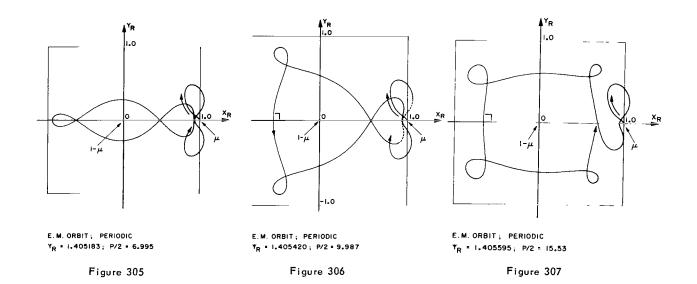


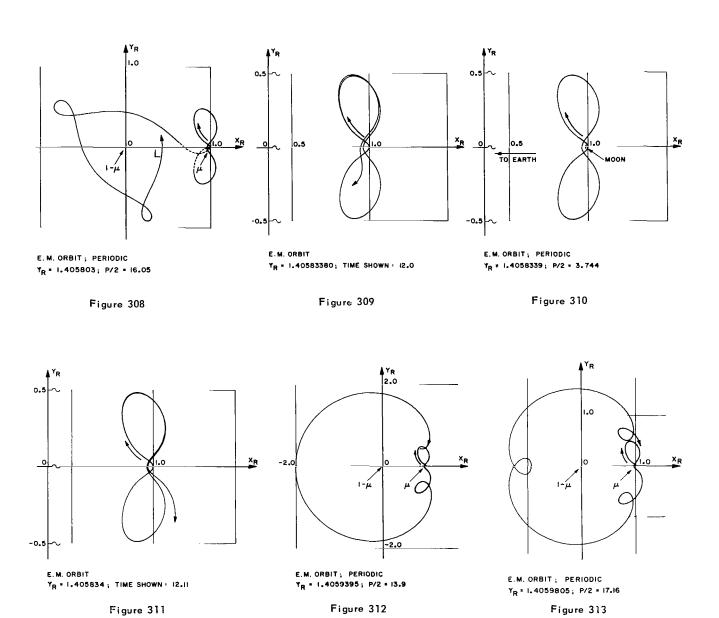
# Comments to Figures 281, 289 and 293

The orbits on Figure 281, 289 and 293 are all examples of "simple" orbits that go around both Earth and Moon.



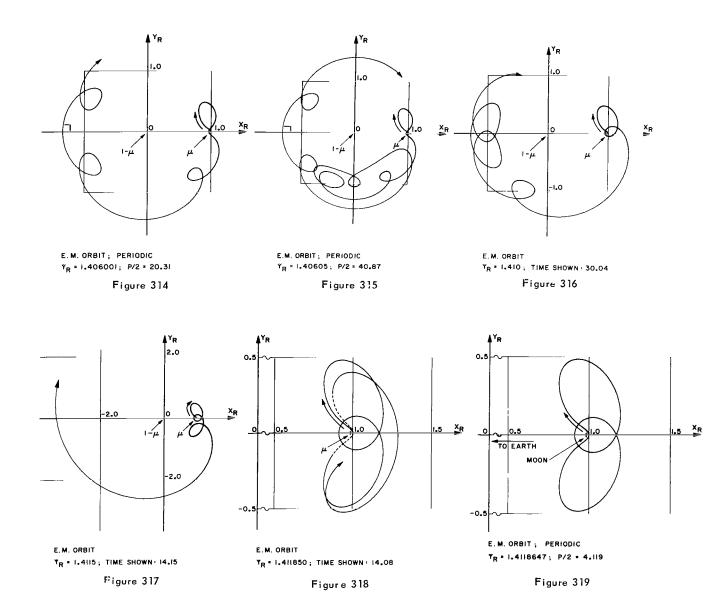






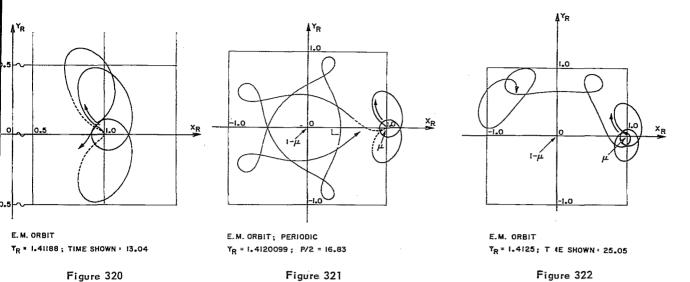
# Comments to Figure 310

This orbit separates the orbits of direct motion about Earth from those of retrograde motion.



# Comments to Figures 319 and 328

With the orbit of Figure 319, the direction of motion about the Earth is returned to the positive one which, however, is maintained for a short step in the progression only. The reassumption of the retrograde motion occurs after passing the periodic orbit about the translunar equilibrium point depicted on Figure 328.



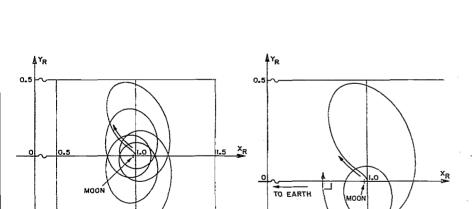


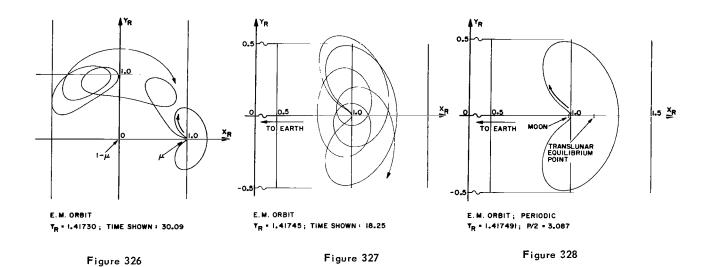
Figure 323

YR = 1.4130; TIME SHOWN: 14.07

E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.413573; P/2 = 6.838

Figure 324

E.M. ORBIT  $\Upsilon_R$  = 1.4160; TIME SHOWN : 23.22



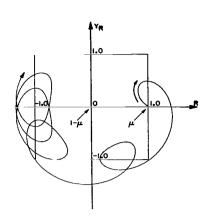
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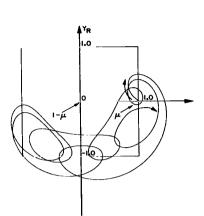
TR = 1.41760; TIME SHOWN : 18.07

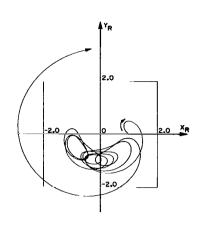
Figure 329

Figure 330

Figure 331







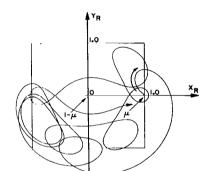
E.M. ORBIT

TR = 1.4250; TIME SHOWN : 32.02

E. M. ORBIT T<sub>R</sub> = 1.42820; TIME SHOWN : 42.02

E.M. ORBIT TR - 1.4290; TIME SHOWN 60.08

Figure 332



YR = 1.4291; TIME SHOWN: 51.06

Figure 335

E.M. ORBIT

Figure 333

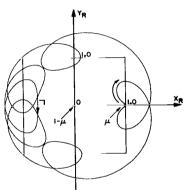
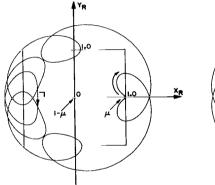
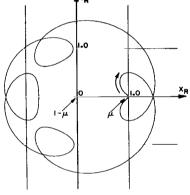


Figure 334



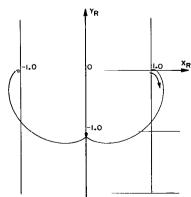
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Figure 336



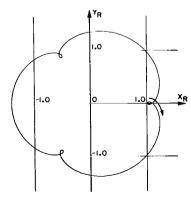
E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR = 1.430896; P/2 = 15.95 Figure 337

#### KEPLER ORBITS

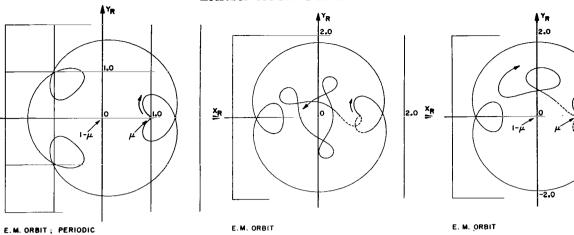


KEPLER ORBIT; n = +4/5 YR = +0.042742; P/2 = 15.71

Figure 338



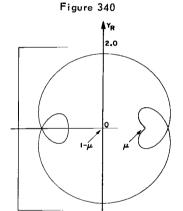
KEPLER ORBIT; n = +3/4 YR = +0.059800; P/2 = 12.57



YR = 1.432550; P/2 = 12.85

YR = 1.4360; TIME SHOWN: 32.03

YR = 1.43610; TIME SHOWN: 29.03



E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC TR = 1.436128 ; P/2 = 9.78

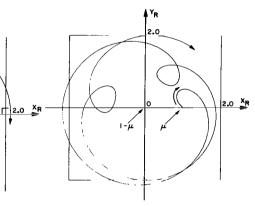
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E. M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR = 1.438569; P/2 = 16.09

Figure 341



2.0 XR



E.M. ORBIT

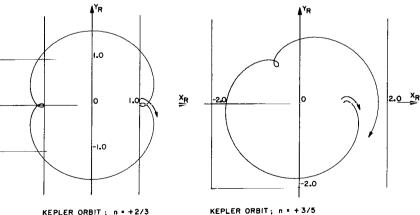
YR = 1.4440; TIME SHOWN : 27.61

Figure 345



Figure 344

#### KEPLER ORBITS

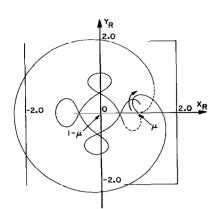


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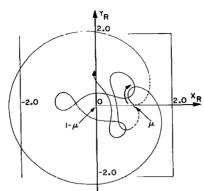
Figure 346

KEPLER ORBIT; n = + 3/5 T<sub>R</sub> = 0.11175; P/2 = 15.71

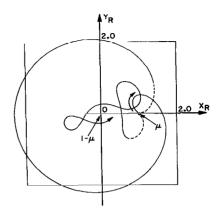
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E.M. ORBIT YR = 1.446020; TIME SHOWN: 30.07



E. M. ORBIT YR = 1.446043; TIME SHOWN: 29.10

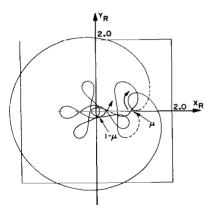


E.M. ORBIT T<sub>R</sub> = 1.446045; TIME SHOWN: 23.54

Figure 348

Figure 349

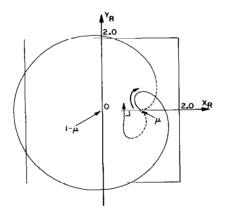




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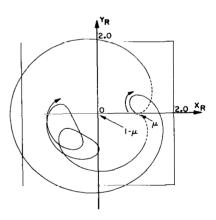
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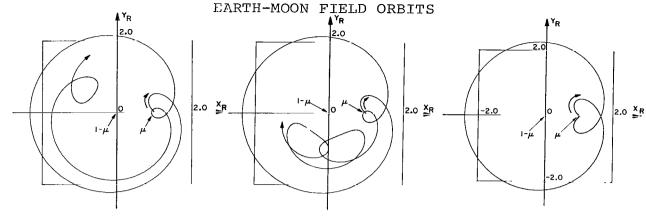


E.M. ORBIT; PERIODIC YR \* 1.4460503; P/2 = 15.26

Figure 352



E. M. ORBIT Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.4461; TIME SHOWN: 30.05



E. M. ORBIT

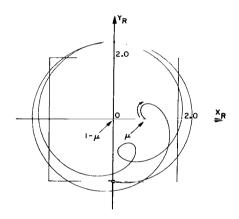
Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.4466; TIME SHOWN: 24.06

Figure 354

E.M. ORBIT Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.4468; TIME SHOWN: 30.12 Figure 355

E. M. ORBIT; PERIODIC Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.447547; P/2 = 6.707

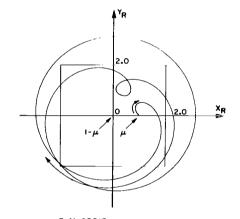
Figure 356



E.M. ORBIT

Y<sub>R</sub> = 1.450; TIME SHOWN: 24.75

Figure 357



E. M. ORBIT  $\label{eq:transfer} \tau_{R} = \text{1.4580} \;; \; \text{TIME SHOWN: 24.62}$  Figure 358

KEPLER ORBITS

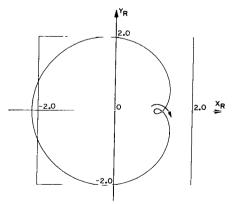
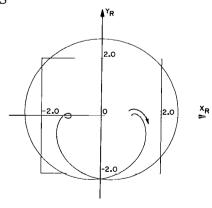


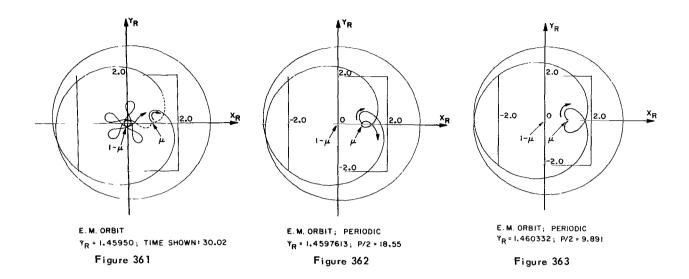
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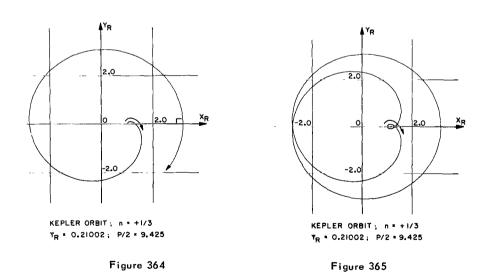
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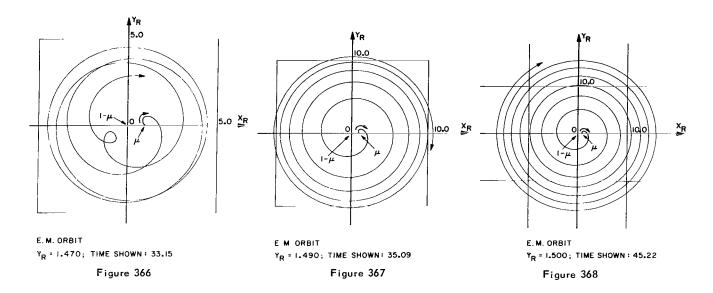


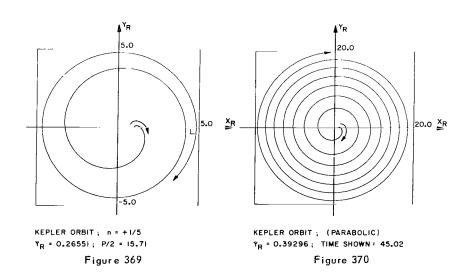
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Figure 360









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